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FIFTH COLUMN EFFORTS TO SPREAD ANTI-SEMITISM IN UNIONS

On March 16, 1940, The Hour carried the report that the Nazis were launching a campaign to stimulate anti-Semitic feeling in labor unions in the United States. Recognizing that the organized workers in this country present a strongly anti-fascist front, the Hitlerites had decided to try splitting their ranks by using the tactic of Jew-baiting. Divide the Gentiles against the Jews in the unions, was their slogan.

They launched their campaign in Detroit. In the auto city they worked through the German-American Bund, as well as through several affiliate subversive organizations. One of these was the National Workers League, an offshoot of the then defunct Black Legion. The National Workers League distributed anti-Semitic leaflets among the auto workers; it attempted, with small success, to recruit them into its own anti-democratic ranks. Parker Sage, a labor spy, was head man in the National Workers League. He was known for the closeness of his association with the Bund.

Native Quislings Adopt Technique

Today a number of native Fifth Columnist bands are employing the "union technique" introduced by the Nazis. Two typical examples are the Ku Klux Klan and the Christian Front. Both are vigorously attempting to divide workers, organized and unorganized, by the use of anti-Semitic propaganda.

Among the publications active in spreading this propaganda among working men is Labor Magazine, edited by Arthur L. McKenney and published monthly in Muskogee, Oklahoma. It carries the legends, "Published in the Interest of All Labor," and "Owned, Controlled, Edited and Published Solely by Labor." It boasts of 18,000 readers. Thirty-four pages in length, printed on slick paper, the magazine contains numerous advertisements from corporations and merchants in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Joplin, Shreveport, Austin and other cities in the western states.

Labor Magazine attempts to gain the confidence of the working men with cartoons depicting the benefits of labor unions; with articles written by "labor leaders" -- such as James W. Miller, "Vice-Chairman,

Legislative Board, Locomotive Engineers"; with reprints of reports issued by various unions.

But every page of Labor Magazine is replete with violently anti-Semitic statements, of which the following are examples:

"Judaism [is] an insult to all America. An octopus that proposes the destruction of Christianity and Christian philosophy."

"The scope of Judaism is world wide. Long ago the wise Scandinavian statesmen barred Judaism from their shores. They [the Jews] have captured more than half of the English-speaking nations -- with the present influx into America, unless checked, they will enslave our children, eventually ban Christianity and control our every educational source."

"This magazine is NOT opposed to the Jewish people nor do we believe in race distinction of any sort ... if our brother ... was to embrace any philosophy or teaching that proposed the 'total destruction and annihilation' of the inspirational things that has made America we would oppose him ... for the reason of his enmity for American, tried and true, customs and traditions. We do, on such an equitable basis, propose to offer our readers the facts concerning Judaism -- our children's, America's, formidable fifth column foe."

Many of the articles printed by Labor have titles like "Judaism Now Dominates Much of Washington," "Craftily They Plan and Work Their Iniquity," and "Judaistic Walter Winchell Attacks Americans."

Labor's Editors

According to the statements of Arthur McKenney, Manager and Editor of Labor Magazine, his ancestors have fought under every flag in this country since 1775 and he himself is a member of the American Legion and other American organizations. Acquaintances describe him as a fanatical anti-Semite.

On the Editorial Board of Labor is one name which betrays the true nature of the publication. The name is Robert E. Edmondson; he is listed as "Contributing Editor." Edmondson is the key pamphleteer of the U. S. Fifth Column. He distributes across the countryside scurrilous anti-democratic leaflets, attacking all progressive forces and praising fascism. Like all fascists, he himself is violently opposed to organized labor. He has maintained the closest of contacts with agents of the Third Reich and has given them invaluable assistance in spreading their propaganda. He is highly recommended by World Service, official Nazi propaganda agency.

Edmondson has declared: "I am for Americanism in America just



as Germans are for Nazism in Germany." Labor Magazine stands for the same brand of "Americanism."

Needless to say, Labor Magazine has no connection with any labor union.

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FASCISTS SEEK TO SPREAD ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA AMONG NEGROES

The Hour learns that Fifth Columnists are striving to stimulate anti-Semitic feeling among the Negro people. For the past few weeks, Harlem has witnessed a series of street meetings which are illustrative of this campaign to arouse the Negroes against the Jews. These fascist efforts to spread race hatred have the same purpose as the attempts of the Nazis to promote racial antagonisms within the labor unions (see pages 1 and 2 of this issue): divide the people, one group against another, in order to weaken and ultimately suppress them.

The meetings in Harlem, most of which are being held along Lenox Avenue, are characterized by the type of propaganda disseminated at Christian Front and German-American Bund rallies. The audiences are told, "Jews are warmongers. This is a Jewish war. They want to profit from it. Down with them."

There are usually about two hundred people in the crowds listening to the demagogic speakers, who themselves are Negroes. The speakers have apparently been well coached, and they all use the same technique. They concentrate on two issues. First, they say the Jews are to blame for the war and for the suffering and deprivation the Negroes will experience as a result of the conflict. Second, they declare the Jews are responsible for the oppression, insecurity and poverty among the Negro people in this country. One orator at one of these gatherings, who identified himself as Johnson, shouted during the course of his harangue: "Negroes in America are now waking up. We are going to put an end to the domination by the Jew. The change is coming now. Hitler is doing it not because he wants to, but because he has to. Somebody has to do the job and he is doing it damn well against the Jew."

One of the organizations active behind the scenes in furthering this vicious campaign is the African Patriotic League. Its president is Arthur Reid. It holds secret meetings at West 135th Street. An investigator of The Hour attempted to attend one of these meetings but was refused admittance.

Japanese provocateurs have long been active in Harlem, attempting to capitalize upon the distress of the Negroes and to arouse them against other groups. At one time the Japanese maintained large meeting halls for the specific purpose of fostering such feeling in Harlem. The present campaign, however, does not appear to be sponsored chiefly by the Nipponese, although they are undoubtedly lending a helping hand. Those directing the current effort are apparently native Fifth Columnists.

Progressive Negro organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Negro Congress, are

doing everything in their power to combat this campaign to stir up anti-Semitism among the Negro people.

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ENQUIRER INACCURACY

On May 5, a columnist in the Enquirer, New York weekly newspaper, reported that, "The Board of Directors of the National Committee for Religious Recovery, it is said, who are for all-out aid to Britain, didn't like the anti-war views of the committee chairman, the able former Republican alderman, Lambert Fairchild. So in star chamber proceedings they declared his post vacant."

This item contains several misstatements. In the first place, Lambert Fairchild is not known for his "anti-war views." Secondly, Fairchild was dismissed from the chairmanship of the Committee (as The Hour reported on April 12) as a result of our disclosures concerning his Fifth Column affiliations, his court record, his desertion of his wife and three children.

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APPEASER OBJECTS TO FIFTH COLUMN EXPOSÉS

In the latest issue of his fascist bulletin, America In Danger!, Charles B. Hudson objects to the article "Fascist Appeasement Movement Rapidly Growing in U. S." which appeared in The Hour on April 26. Stating The Hour indulges only in "smears" (i.e., exposés of Fifth Columnist activity), Naziphile Hudson quotes at length from our report on the Lindbergh rally in Manhattan Center on April 23. At the conclusion of the quotation Hudson makes this editorial comment: "... be a Christian patriot, and Organized Jewry-Intl. Finance mouthpieces like The Hour, etc., call you a 'fascist', '5th Columnist', 'Quisling', 'pro-Nazi', etc."

It is natural that Charles B. Hudson should fret about disclosures concerning the pro-Nazi, appeasement movement in the United States. He himself is one of the most active propagandists in this movement.

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DILLING PROJECT

Elizabeth Dilling, fanatical authoress of The Red Network who was recently convicted in Washington on charges of disorderly conduct, is at present widely distributing Third Reich propaganda material. The material is in the form of a booklet published by Flanders Hall, the New Jersey publishers whose pro-Nazi activity was exposed several weeks ago in the New York press.

The booklet being circulated by Mrs. Dilling consists of a compilation of pro-appeasement and pro-Nazi speeches made by the late Lord Lothian before he became British Ambassador to the United States. The original text for this publication was prepared in Buenos Aires by the German Consul-General's office, acting on instructions from the Propaganda Ministry in Berlin.